

# The Bloomfield Record.

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## Adjusting Taxes.

The Board of Assessors for Essex County met in Newark on Monday last to adjust valuations and fix the County tax rate for the year. The following table is the result of the assessors' deliberations:

	Valuation.
First Ward Orange.	477
Second "	511
Third "	509
Bloomfield "	980
Belleville "	435
Caldwell "	575
Livingston "	247
Clinton "	302
Milburn "	268
East Orange "	1,250
West Orange "	8,052
South "	512
Montclair "	519
Franklin "	290
Newark "	21,094
Total	132,082.000

The aggregate is about the same as the valuation placed upon property last year. It ought to have been considerably less. There is no good reason why our assessors should keep the valuation of property up in accordance with panic prices, now that everything else has gone down. From the report of the proceedings of the County Assessors, as published in a Newark paper, we learn that only one of their number had, or at least showed, a proper appreciation of the "signs of the times" in this matter. The Assessor from Bloomfield had his valuations marked down \$107,000. A Newark tax commissioner, thinking he had discovered a mare's nest here, moved that Bloomfield be brought up to the old figure of last year. Mr. Oakes, our assessor, opposed that motion and stated his belief that farming property in his township, the price of which had been pushed up to fictitious figures, through speculation, and had been taxed on that basis, had receded from those fancy prices and therefore there should be a similar decrease in valuation. What has been the effect of the financial depression upon property in Bloomfield is doubtless the same, to a greater or less extent, elsewhere. But the board of assessors, or a majority of them, could not see things in this light. Because all save one of their number were wrong, instead of taking a little time to examine into and get things right, they adjusted matters in a twinkling by bringing Bloomfield up to the "old figure" of last year.

It looks as though there was either undue haste, or that the city Assessors, in thorough sympathy with the city Freeholders, are ready to do all they can, even at the risk of injury to their own interests to oppress the townships, and defeat their influence. For it must be apparent to all careful observers and thinkers that the marking up of valuations in these times by our assessors, (unless it is done all over the State), makes our tax rate throughout the county proportionally higher than it ought to be. The sum of \$1,002,550, was adopted by the Board of Freeholders, was adopted as the basis of assessment, which makes the county rate 73 per cent. on \$100,—somewhat higher than last year. Out of this \$1,002,550, the Road Board are to have for repairs \$20,000; interest on Road Board Bonds, \$90,552; Road Board salaries \$5,000.

If the taxing people are wise, they will, next winter, see to it that the Essex Road Board is abolished. The avenues are now for the most part finished, and where is the necessity of a board of salaried officials sitting in Newark to pass upon the small matter of repairs to these avenues? It is a roundabout way of doing business. A citizen living on Ridge-wood or Bloomfield avenue, noticing a damage to a drain or to the street, makes complaint to the Town Committee. The latter, with no power to do anything themselves, must notify the Road Board at Newark, who some time in the course of human events, if they see fit, can cause the repairs to be made! It seems to us the town authorities ought to have control of all streets within their borders, and not thus be obliged to play second fiddle to a mere commission. The Road Board Commission, having served the purpose for which it was created, has existed long enough. Its extinguishment would do something toward diminishing our taxes.

## The Constitution Amendments.

We publish in another place the law passed by the Legislature relating to the proposed amendments to the State Constitution. For the benefit of any who may not have time to read it, we will state that it provides for a special election to be held throughout the State on Tuesday, Sept. 7th, to enable electors to vote for or against each of the proposed amendments, as agreed to in the Legislature. During the four weeks preceding the election, the amendments are to be published in the newspapers to afford the people an opportunity to become familiar with them.

## The School Meeting.

The annual meeting called by the Trustees to vote the necessary appropriations for school purposes was held last Monday evening. The attendance, though not very large, comprised many leading and influential citizens. The discussion upon matters connected with the schools was full of interest. The result of the meeting was the approval, by almost unanimous vote, of the various sums recommended by the board of trustees, as follows:

App'n. for payment on Mortgage, \$5,000  
" Teachers' Salaries, 6,000  
" General Expenses of Schools, 6,000

Total \$17,000

Mr. E. S. Wilde made some remarks, before these appropriations were passed upon, in which he expressed the opinion that our schools had passed the bounds of a common school education, which was the original plan of the free school system. He endeavored to show that the expense of teaching the higher branches imposed a heavy tax upon the poor while they received little benefit from it, as few of that class entered the high school, their parents removing them as soon as they acquired the ordinary branches; therefore the poor man paid for the rich man's schooling. He also argued that the burden of the school tax came upon real estate property and that those who were earnest in advocacy of high schools and a finished education were people who paid a very small proportion of the taxes.

Mr. C. J. Turner addressed the meeting in reply to Mr. Wilde. He spoke in an eloquent and earnest manner in defense of educational interests. He hoped the progress which he had been permitted to see in Bloomfield during a residence of nine years would not now be arrested. He did not want to go back to the days of log school houses.

Mr. G. W. Cooke also spoke in favor of the high school and in support of the Trustees. He was in favor of voting them the money they asked for. He went rather far the street-lamps put out than have the town suffer in its intellectual light.

Mr. Thomas, one of the Trustees, explained that the expense of the high school class was a small item in the cost of the schools. They paid the highest salaries to the teachers of the lowest departments.

Mr. Dodd also explained that the main object and expense was directed to giving the children of the district the very best instruction at the start.

Rev. A. C. Frissell made an appeal to those who were not wealthy, telling them not to take their children away from the high school, which would lift them up to a higher plane, and to which the parents would also be raised up. He cited examples in support of his position that it paid those who were poor to devote time and energy to this matter of a high education.

Mr. Weaver said he took a practical view of the subject of raising money. We were all suffering from the financial depression. Real estate, rents, provisions and prices of everything were lower, and he would ask if it was unreasonable, under such circumstances, to request the teachers to submit to a reduction of ten per cent. on their salaries? He made a motion that an appropriation of \$5,000, instead of \$6,000 be voted, but which was lost.

The sentiment of the people of Bloomfield, as indicated by the above meeting is almost entirely in favor of giving the children of our community the advantages of a first-class education. As we have not crippled the Trustees by cutting short the appropriations, there is every prospect that they will be able next year to give a good account of their stewardship, and show the people of the District a better exhibit of educational progress than ever before.

## Town Committee Proceedings.

The Town Committee met last Friday. After a discussion upon the assessment to be made for lighting street lamps, the matter was laid over until the next meeting.

The petition for a plank sidewalk upon the east side of Bloomfield avenue, southward of the Center, was granted and the contract awarded to the lowest bidder, Taylor Bros. & Co., to lay the same except where property owners lay their own.

It was ordered to notify the Montclair Railway Co. to repair the bridge at Forest avenue.

The bill of The Bloomfield Record for printing, amounting to \$17.60, was ordered paid.

The threatening clouds and unpropitious weather probabilities of Wednesday morning did not prevent the friends of Hope Chapel Sunday School from setting out on their excursion to Ringwood. The train left Broad street promptly at 8 o'clock, the party numbering about 150. It began to rain soon after the departure, but the weather cleared up again or two later. Arriving at Ringwood, Mr. George, superintendent of the iron mines, welcomed the party very cordially, placing at their disposal his elegant new house, just finished but yet unoccupied. Refreshment tables were constructed in the parlors, which the ladies loaded with the edibles that had been furnished. This important feature of the excursion proved to be fully as enjoyable as a picnic in the woods. The afternoon passed quickly and pleasantly, with singing, roaming about the woods, climbing the hills, visiting the iron mines, etc. The train reached Bloomfield on the return trip at six o'clock, all agreeing that the excursion was the best ever enjoyed by the School.

## The Montclair Railway.

There has been a change in the running time of the first train out from New York, which now leaves Liberty Street at 7:30 instead of 9:30 A. M. As our outside pages, containing the time-table, were printed before the correction came to hand, we repeat the time-table below as corrected:

MONTCLAIR R.R. TIME TABLE.			
Leave N. York.	Leave N. York.	Leave N. York.	Arrive N. York.
7:30 A. M.	8:10 A. M.	8:15 A. M.	7:00 A. M.
8:30 "	9:10 "	9:15 "	8:00 "
9:30 "	10:10 "	10:15 "	9:00 "
10:30 "	11:10 "	11:15 "	10:00 "
11:30 "	12:10 "	12:15 "	11:00 "
12:30 "	1:10 "	1:15 "	12:00 "
1:30 "	2:10 "	2:15 "	1:00 "
2:30 "	3:10 "	3:15 "	2:00 "
3:30 "	4:10 "	4:15 "	3:00 "
4:30 "	5:10 "	5:15 "	4:00 "
5:30 "	6:10 "	6:15 "	5:00 "
6:30 "	7:10 "	7:15 "	6:00 "

The Montclair Railway excursion to Rockaway Beach, next Tuesday, Aug. 2d, promises to be a very popular summer day's trip. One of its chief advantages, aside from the moderate price, is the close and convenient connection made from the train to the steamboat at Jersey City. A special train is to be made up, starting from Ringwood at 6:10 A. M., and stopping for excursionists at all stations eastward. The train will reach Montclair at 7:37, Bloomfield at 7:42. The steamer American, one of the largest and finest excursion boats in the harbor, will be in waiting at the Jersey City depot to carry the passengers down the bay, and landing at the Seaside House, Rockaway. There will be afforded six hours' time at the sea shore. Returning, passengers from Bloomfield and Montclair will reach home about 7:30 P. M. The price of tickets is one dollar each, for the round trip, purchasable at the stations. In case of stormy weather the excursion will be postponed. Under the supervision of Superintendent Purdy, no doubt this excursion to the seaside will be ably managed and prove extremely pleasant to those residents along the Montclair who avail themselves of its advantages.

Mr. Abraham Ackerman, whose farm is located in the upper part of the township, on the road leading from Hope Chapel to Brookdale, east of the canal, recently met with a singular and seemingly trivial accident, but which caused his death within forty-eight hours. He was a man of powerful build, and in his usual good health. Last Sunday, while engaged in leading a cow by a rope fastened to the animal's horns, by a sudden pull upon the rope he was thrown down, receiving from the fall an internal injury—the rupture of a blood vessel—which proved fatal on Tuesday. Mr. Ackerman's sudden death is a severe blow to his family. He was well known and highly respected as a citizen and neighbor. For a number of years past he has followed his avocation—that of a shipwright—at Jersey City in the employ of Morris & Cummings, who greatly valued his services and good qualities.

A very interesting match game of croquet was played last Saturday evening on the fine lawn of Mr. C. J. Turner at West End, between four young gentlemen representing Bloomfield Center, and four from the western part of the town. After a well-contested game the match was decided in favor of the Bloomfield boys, none of the opposite side having succeeded in becoming "rovers" in the game. Through the kindness of Mr. Turner the players, with their friends, were very hospitably entertained, a handsome collation having been provided for the occasion. In return the young men favored the host and hostess with some choice vocal music, consisting of quartettes, duets and solos.

That was a happy thought of a young lady of Park Place who planned and so successfully executed that little excursion up the canal on Tuesday evening last. The party of thirty or more embarked on board a well-appointed barge, at the foot of Beach street, at 7 o'clock, passing the inclined plane and beyond, returning under the stars. Genial was the company, sprightly the repartee, and merry the song, which hastened to a too brief conclusion the interesting voyage. All voted a repetition at an early date.

The Montclair census returns,—the exact figures of which we have not yet seen—will foot up over 4,000. Five years ago the population was 2,853. Thus the increase will be about 40 per cent.

MARTIN BROTHERS, at the Center, keep the very best grade of groceries, sell at the lowest cash prices, and are accommodating, prompt and reliable in their business dealings.

The number of births in Bloomfield during the year ending June 24th was 140. The number of deaths in the same period was 53.

Newark's tax rate will be \$1.98 this year. A Republican paper takes occasion to mention the fact that this is 11 cents higher than last year, and to remind people that the Democrats are now in power—not, however, as an instance of Democratic extravagance, but as a reminder of the former injustice of their opponents in trying to out-guess Republican management.

A disastrous fire, involving a loss of \$80,000, occurred in Newark last Saturday afternoon. Several lumber yards and buildings, located on the Passaic river, near Market street were destroyed. The fire broke out in the furnace room of the trunk box manufactory of John Bindell, whence it spread with great rapidity and fury, defying the powers of the steamers, nine in number, for a considerable time, but was at length checked in its progress.

There never before has been a season when the town has been so full of visitors. It is no unusual thing to see a dozen new faces daily, and night and morning the streets leading to the depot present a very lively appearance. Among the recent arrivals we notice Mr. Farrelly of the American News Co., N. Y., and his family, who are occupying the Morgan Cottage near the Mountain House.

## MONTCLAIR.

On Friday of last week a young son of Jerome Sigler met with a fall and dislocated his left wrist.

We are glad to hear that an extensive manufacturing business is about to be commenced in Montclair and hope next week to give full particulars.

On Wednesday of next week the children connected with the Sabbath School at St. Luke's Episcopal church will have a picnic in Crane's woods.

The Police Magistrate all report a dry calendar for this week. Not a single criminal case having been before them, and the few civil matters not worthy of note.

G. S. Merriam, Esq., of Merriam & Co., the well known Massachusetts publishers, is erecting a new residence on the site of his former one recently destroyed by fire.

Nobody seems desirous to come forward and claim the article found concealed in the organ at the Presbyterian church during the time gas pipes were being put in the building.

On Monday next Henry Sizler and Samuel Bayley will shoot a pigeon match for \$30 per side, 13 birds, 25 yards—rise, 80 yards boundary. The match will be shot near the Baldwin property on Elm st.

Last Sunday evening the Presbyterian church was lit with gas for the first time. With the eighty burners brilliantly burning, there was quite a contrast as compared with the old kerosene lamps and fixtures.

On Wednesday of last week Mrs. D. H. Wood met with a serious accident. While driving her horse became frightened, and running away threw her violently to the ground, breaking her collar bone.

Mrs. Kinsey, whose death is recorded in another column, arose as usual on Sunday morning, and dropped dead immediately after completing her toilet. Heart disease from which she had long suffered was the cause.

Montclair will be well represented on the excursion to Rockaway, via Montclair Railroad and Steamer American on Tuesday next. Inquiries at the different stations along the line of the road indicate that there will be a very large attendance.

Tramp! Tramp! Tramp!!! It is estimated that there are nearly one hundred individuals, to each of which this word is especially applicable now moving about the town and its outskirts. Steps will be at once taken to properly care for them where they can do us harm.

Some more nuisances are reported this week, but it is a pleasure to state that in nearly every instance noted last week, steps have been taken to abate, which can but prove successful, and as long as there seems to be such a disposition on the part of property owners, no more names will be published.

The complimentary concert of Prof. Geo. W. Poole, on Friday evening last, was very largely attended, though doubtless many were kept away by the severe storm. The programme throughout was one of unusual excellence, and rendered in such a manner as to leave no room for criticism.

Our Postmaster has recently added a fine safe to his building, which is not only useful but ornamental and looks as though it would stand any amount of heat or attacks by burglars. If he cannot sell the old one (newly painted as it is) as he desires, we know of several who will gladly store it for him for his use.

Another commotion on the Old Road last Monday afternoon over Mrs. Dodd's little boy, who was missing and thought to have accidentally fallen into the brook and been swept away by the current. After diligent search he was found asleep behind the door of the sitting room, utterly unconscious of the anxiety he had caused.

On Sunday morning last James Scott, a painter, was badly bitten on the left hand by a large black dog supposed to be mad. The dog had already killed several chickens and severely bitten another dog, so it was deemed best to shoot both of them. Dr. Love dressed Scotts wound which at last account gave no indications of causing him any serious trouble.

The out-door meeting on Sunday last was conducted by Mr. White, and addresses were made by Dr. Butterfield and Rev. A. H. Bradford. There seems to be an increasing interest in these meetings especially among the laboring class and it is proposed to continue them every pleasant Sunday afternoon during the season, and should the weather prove stormy, at Association Hall.

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## Current Topics.

A. T. Stewart advertised \$85,000's worth last year. No wonder he is poor.

A writer in the Sun discusses the prospective eligibility of Grant's grandson to the Presidency. That is looking a long way ahead.

Vineland's shipment of black-berries is 10,000 quarts daily. It is estimated that her grape crop will aggregate thirty tons this year.

The annual meeting of the Grand Commandery Masonic Knights Templar, will be held in New Brunswick on Tuesday, September 7.

Last Sunday there were 5,300 people at the surf meeting at Ocean Grove. These meetings are held directly on the beach, and the singing almost drowns the ocean's roar. They are wonderfully pleasant and inspiring.

Duncan, Sherman & Co., bankers of New York failed on Tuesday, with liabilities stated at \$5,000,000. The event does not forebode anything calamitous to the country, but is regarded as a later consequence of the panic of 1873.

J. B. Ford & Co., publishers of Mr. Beecher's Christian Union, have suspended on account of financial embarrassment. The locking up of the firm's money in a costly publication of "The Life of Christ," by Mr. Beecher, the success of which is damaged by the scandal, together with the dullness of trade, is ascribed as the reason of their collapse.

New York city took a Rushin' bath last Monday. The Mail speaks of the rain storm as one "that swooped down upon the dirty city like an eagle on its prey, and in less than half an hour had flooded every gutter and sewer, washed the pavement and sidewalks to the neatness of a Dutch kitchen. A more effectual, or speedier job of street-cleaning was never done."

The Weekly, speaking of a Cape May excursion from Vineland, says: "Two or three of our Anti-Fashion women went along in order to attract attention, and amuse the children; no particular attention was paid them, however, probably because the excursionists thought they wore their bathing clothes to save the trouble and time of undressing, and dressing. We like the idea better than the style."

Prof. Janney telegraphs from the Black Hills to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs: "I have discovered gold in paying quantities in gravel bars both on Spring and Rapid creeks, from twenty to thirty miles northeast of Harney's Peak. The deposits are the richest yet found in the Hills, and are very favorably situated. The gold is derived from quartz ledges of enormous dimensions, in a belt of clay, slate and quartz. It is twenty miles in width, crossing the Hills in a north-westerly direction."

## List of Letters.

Remaining unclaimed at the Post Office in Bloomfield, ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 1875.

Brady, John  
Brook, Charles E.  
Bennett, Mrs. Sarah  
Bond, Frank W.  
O'Brien, F.  
McCarthy, Ellen  
Cant, Margaret  
Conrad, Mrs. Wm.  
Dunlop, Charles  
Cruick, Wm.  
Dunlop, John  
Dunlop, John  
Ford, A. D.  
Foster, Percy  
McGowan, John

Any person calling for the above letters will please say "advertised."

H. DODD, P. M.

AGUST FLOWER.—The most miserable being in the world are those suffering from Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint. More than seventy-five per cent. of the people in the United States are afflicted with these two diseases and the effect; such as sour stomach, sick headache, habitual constipation, impure blood, heartburn, waterbrash, gas, and burning pains at the pit of the stomach, yellow skin, coated tongue and disagreeable taste in the mouth, coming up of the food after eating, low spirits, etc. Go to the Drug Store of Geo. R. Ford, and get a 75 cent bottle, or a sample bottle for 10 cents. Try it.

## DIED.

Worster.—In Bloomfield, July 23, 1875, George J. infant son of Simon and Catherine Worster, aged 10 months.

OLLETT.—At Montclair, July 24th, 1875, infant son of Albert and Julia Gillespie, aged 1 year, 9 months. Interment at Springfield, Mass.

WEEK.—At Franklin, July 26th, 1875, Fannie H. White, aged 5 months.

KUINI.—At Montclair, July 26th, 1875, Emeline M. Kline, aged 10 years.

ACKERMAN.—At Bloomfield, July 27th 1875, Abraham Ackerman, aged 61 years, 8 months. Interment at Franklin.

## \$3,000.

I have this amount to loan on \$10,000 bond and mortgage on property, and will lend double that amount in Bloomfield. Address "INVESTOR," P. O. Box 185, Bloomfield, N. J.

## Great Reduction!

## In Straw Goods.

20 Per Cent. Saved

By buying your STRAW HATS of

G. F. JONES & SON,

COR. ORANGE & BROAD STS.,

NEWARK, N. J.

A full stock of

Hats, Caps and Straw Goods

At EXTREMELY Low Prices.

GIVE US A CALL.

G. F. JONES & SON,

COR. ORANGE AND BROAD STS.,

NEAR M. & E. R. R. Depot, Newark, N. J.

Dated July 31st, 1875.

## Pure Cream Soda Water,

Drawn from MATTHEWS' Porcelain Lined Fountains. At

5c Glass.

DAVIS'S Drug Store,

Opposite the Post Office.

## Furniture and Carpets.

McDermitt & Looker,

845 Broad St.,

NEWARK.

Having completed their new warerooms have now reopened with a splendid assortment of

FURNITURE,

Carpets of all grades, Oil Cloths,

Mats, Matting, Shades, Lam-

brequins, Cornices, Pier

Glasses, &c.

We have closed our up-town store, and will hereafter continue our business at 845 BROAD STREET, only on a much larger scale.

JUSTICE'S OFFICE.

The subscriber, having been qualified as a JUSTICE OF THE PEACE for Essex County, has opened an office in Mr. Corby's brick building, Glenwood Avenue, where he will be ready to attend to any business requiring his services. Special attention paid to the collection of debts.

BLOOMFIELD, MAY 17, 1875. ISRAEL COE.

## BLOOMFIELD

## Fish Market.

Glenwood Ave. Opp. Hayes & Taylor's.

SAML. MOORE, Proprietor.

I keep always on hand the BEST and FRESHEST Fish the market affords.

Housekeepers served at their residences when desired.

Prices Reasonable.—We try to Please.

SAMUEL MOORE.

## GEO. BATZLE, Jr.,

## News Dealer,

Glenwood Avenue,

Under The Record Office.

Stationery, Segars and Tobacco.

All Orders Promptly Attended to.

## E. W. HARRIS'S

## Fruit & Vegetable Store,

GLENWOOD AVENUE,

Next Door to the Unanet Building.

Give me a call if you want Oranges, Lemons, Figs, Dates, Nuts, &c.

You will also find all kinds of

FRESH GARDEN VEGETABLES.

NICE ROAST BEEF, drawn through block tin pipe, lead to keep it cool.

## EXCURSIONS.

The Stephens & Condit Transportation Company.

The Steamer "Magenta"

Has commenced making her regular daily

ROCKAWAY & OCEAN EXCURSIONS,

Running as follows:

OCEAN EXCURSIONS,

MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

Leaving Commercial Dock at 1:30 P. M., returning by 7 P. M. Fare 50 cents.

excepting July 12th, when she will make a trip to NEW HAVEN.

## Rockaway Beach

SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS.

Leaving Commercial Dock at 9:30 A. M., returning, leaving First Landing at 3 P. M., giving to passengers about 2 hours on the Beach, Fine Bill and Surf Bathing. Fare 75 cents.

SUNDAY BOAT FOR NEW YORK.—The Steamboat THOMAS E. WAY will leave Commercial Dock, Newark, at 9 A. M. and 3 P. M.

Leave New York, Barclay street, N. K., 10:30 A. M., stopping at Bergen Point each way.

At the MAGENTA will stop at Bergen Point on her return from Rockaway for passengers to Newark. Fare 25 cents.

## FOR EXCURSIONS:

## F. DANNBACHER,

Bloomfield Avenue Grocer,